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NEW HOGAN LAKE CONSERVANCY

State Water
Resources Control Board
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Dear Board Members;

As a lifelong resident of California and a conservationist, I support in general, the Bay/Delta water accord that was signed last december. The CVP-SWP agreement was a major step in the proper direction as regards water use in our state.

The board should in my opinion, adopt the general outline of that plan but should institute comprehensive action on the releases from reserviors as presently called for.

To equally balance delta water flow, inhance south delta flows and revive the San Joaquin River and salmon numbers, you need to take the following actions in the next four years.

1. Fed. and State agreement to reduce flood control levels at Don Pedro and New Melones projects by 200,000 acre feet each. The size of the projects capacity will allow fishery flows and additional irrigation water without compromising flood control features.
2. San Francisco should be required to release 50,000 acre feet from Exhecqer Dam each fall to restore Merced salmon runs. This additional water can be offset from the Los Vaqueros project if needed.
3. Friant project must be required or forced to release 200,000 acre feet in all but drought years to improve south delta waterflow, dilute ag runoff and restore San Joaquin salmon.

Any action taken by the board that does not include the above, is no more than doing business as usual and ignoring your most important duty which is to provide a better balance for all the state resources including fisheries and wildlife.

Respectfully Submitted;

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